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FOR BROWN FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARAFAT PLAN

REF: BEIRUT 3349 AND BEIRUT 3350

1. I HAVE READ REFTELS WITH INTEREST AND NOTE THAT IDEA OF JOINT SECURITY FORCE COPOSED OF VARIOUS ELEMENTS NOW IN LEBANON MAY BE TAKING HOLD. THE BEST THING, OF COURSE, WOULD BE IF IT DEVELOPED MOMENTUM AND LIFE OF ITS OWN WITHOUT OUR APPEARING TO BE PUSHING IT, WHICH COULD AROUSE SYRIAN SUSPICIONS. THIS WILL NEED TO BE HANDLED DELICATELY, BUT IT IS CLEARLY IN OUR INTEREST FOR YOU TO DO WHAT YOU CAN IN LOW- KEY WAY AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE TO KEEP THIS IDEA ALIVE.

2. I HAVE SEEN YOUR ANALYSIS OF LEBANESE POLITICAL SPECTRUM (BEIRUT 9607). THIS IS THE KIND OF HELPFUL OVERVIEW WHICH WE FIND INVALUABLE FROM TIME TO TIME AND I HOPE YOU WILL UPDATE IT FOR US AS CHANGING CIRNUMSTANCES MAY WARRANT.
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